

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND IRRIGATION**

**Call to Order:** Chair Brian Hoven, on January 10, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 335 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Sen. Brian Hoven, Chair (R)  
Sen. Nels Swandal, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Mary Caferro (D)  
Sen. Mike Lang (R)  
Sen. Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D)  
Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R)  
Sen. Albert Olszewski (R)  
Sen. Ryan Osmundson (R)  
Sen. Daniel R. Salomon (R)  
Sen. Diane Sands (D)  
Sen. Frank Smith (D)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Sue O'Connell, Legislative Branch  
Barbara Pietuch, Committee Secretary

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 55, 1/4/2017

00:00:01 Chairman Hoven

00:01:01 Chairman Hoven left the meeting. The Chair turned over to Sen. Swandal.

**HEARING ON SB 55**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:49 Sen. Daniel Salomon (R), SD 47, opened the hearing on SB 55, Revise nursery licensing, fees, inspections, and penalties.

00:02:52 Sen. Olszewski entered the meeting.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:04:24 Jyl Story, executive director, Montana Nursery and Landscape Association (MNLA)

**EXHIBIT(ags07a01)**

00:08:27 Michael Hiel, past president, Montana Nursery and Landscape Association, owner & founder, Gardenwerks

00:09:02 Sam Stigman, sales manager, High Country Growers, Helena

00:15:57 Levi Ostberg, lobbyist, Montana Farmers Union

00:16:57 Cort Jensen, attorney, Montana Department of Agriculture (DOA)

00:18:32 Libbi Lovshin, administrator, Central Services Division, Montana Department of Agriculture (DOA)

**EXHIBIT(ags07a02)**

00:20:52 Chairman Swandal

00:20:58 Ms. Lovshin, DOA

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:22:52 Donna Rise, bureau chief, Agriculture Services Bureau, Montana Department of Agriculture (DOA)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:23:24 Sen. Olszewski

00:24:07 Mr. Jensen, DOA

00:25:21 Ms. Rise, DOA

00:26:21 Sen. Olszewski

00:26:41 Ms. Rise

00:26:54 Sen. Sands

00:27:43 Mr. Jensen

00:29:57 Sen. Sands

00:30:35 Sen. MacDonald

00:31:02 Ms. Story, MNLA

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00:31:15	Ms. Rise
00:32:47	Sen. MacDonald
00:33:05	Ms. Rise
00:33:37	Sen. Lang
00:33:52	Ms. Rise
00:34:07	Sen. Lang
00:34:27	Sen. Hoven entered the meeting.
00:34:40	Ms. Rise
00:34:44	Sen. Lang
00:34:52	Ms. Rise
00:34:55	Sen. Lang
00:35:21	Ms. Rise
00:35:37	Sen. Lang
00:35:42	Ms. Rise
00:35:55	Sen. Lang
00:36:13	Ms. Rise
00:37:05	Sen. Lang
00:37:29	Ms. Rise
00:37:35	Ms. Story
00:38:02	Sen. Lang
00:38:17	Ms. Story
00:38:27	Sen. Lang
00:38:37	Ms. Rise
00:39:10	Sen. Olszewski
00:39:40	Ms Rise
00:40:00	Sen. Osmundson
00:40:32	Ms. Rise
00:40:53	Sen. Osmundson
00:41:11	Ms. Rise
00:41:28	Sen. Osmundson
00:41:49	Ms. Rise
00:42:20	Sen. Osmundson
00:43:08	Mr. Jensen
00:44:44	Sen. Osmundson
00:45:01	Sen. Moore
00:45:32	Mr. Jensen
00:46:10	Sen. Moore
00:46:17	Mr. Jensen
00:46:23	Sen. Moore
00:47:16	Mr. Jensen
00:47:45	Ms. Rice
00:49:19	Sen. Moore
00:49:48	Ms. Rice
00:50:21	Sen. Sands
00:51:17	Ms. Story
00:51:45	Sen. Sands
00:52:26	Ms. Rice
00:53:29	Sen. Sands

00:53:50 Ms. Rice  
00:53:58 Sen. Sands

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:54:19 Sen. Salomon  
00:55:53 Chairman Swandal  
00:56:03 Sen. Hoven resumed as Chair.

**Committee Business:**

00:56:07 Chairman Hoven  
00:56:12 Sen. Moore  
00:56:17 Chairman Hoven

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 3:57 PM

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Barbara Pietuch, Secretary

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**Additional Documents**

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**EXHIBIT([ags07aad.pdf](#))**